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SELECTMEN'S REPORT.

For the year ending March 1st, 1885.

EXPENDITURES.

State tax	$1544 00	
County tax	1073 77	
		$2617 77

HIGHWAYS AND BRIDGES.

John E. Leavitt, witness at court on Cook and Tucker case, Oct. 1883	1 97
Nathl. Marden, attending court at Exeter	2 45
John E. Leavitt, " " "	2 45
Adams E. Drake " " "	2 45
Selectmen " " "	10 85
Parker J. Cook, damage on Pine tree bridge	100 00
George L. Trefethen, for gravel pit	150 00
A. T. Walker & Son, drain pipe for District No. 5 and 8	10 23
Charles B. Odiorne and Emery Woodman, labor on New Castle bridge	125 00
John H. Broughton, plank for New Castle bridge	316 79
Rider & Cotton, spikes, paint, oil and brushes for New Castle bridge	57 33
Charles B. Odiorne, teaming plank for New Castle bridge	3 50
Samuel A. Odiorne, labor on New Castle bridge	2 20
Frank W. Rand, lumber for New Castle bridge	1 32

A. C. Locke, painting rail for New Castle bridge	24 00
Woodbury Berry, labor on New Castle bridge	3 25
James M. Rand, iron work for New Castle bridge	1 25
Selectmen's bill on New Castle bridge	22 50
Moses Clark, labor on marsh road Dis. No. 12	20 69
Joseph J. Goss " " " " " " "	11 70
David Remick " " " " " " "	3 10
Edgar B. Odiorne " " " " " "	4 00
Chas. W. Rand, labor on town farm road and bridge	8 10
Chas. W. Rand, railing bridge	5 00
Adams E. Drake, labor with team on town farm road and bridge	18 00
Fred E. Trefethen, labor on town farm road and bridge	2 00
Edgar B. Odiorne, labor on town farm road and bridge	1 00
S. W. Foss, labor on town farm road and bridge	7 32
James H. Locke, land damage in widening road at harbor	13 20
Wallace S. Goss, labor with team on road at harbor	47 00
Levi D. Locke and Henry L. Varrell, building wall on road at harbor	6 80
Woodbury Berry, labor on road at harbor	1 00
A. C. Locke, labor on road at harbor	3 00
Selectmen's services in widening road at harbor	6 00
J. W. Rand, labor and stock on shingle mill bridge	4 44
E. C. Jenness, powder and fuse for Dis. No. 5	34
C. W. Rand, stock for sand hill bridge	2 00
Chas. J. Brown, making and recording deed for gravel pit	2 00
Wesley Jenness, teaming drain pipe and damage to plow	2 50
Woodbury Berry, labor on bridge at Locke's neck	2 00
Chas. Garland, 4 posts for bridge Dis. No. 6	50
Frank M. Marden, iron work for " " 8	37

Fred E. Trefethen, repairing culverts Dis. No. 10	8 00	
Selectmen's services in relation to horse damaged on Dis. No. 4	4 00	
J. W. Rand, posts, bars, and labor at gravel pit	3 77	
J. Albert Walker, 1-2 cask cement for Dis. Nos. 5 and 8	75	
Jed. Rand, powder and fuse for Dis. No. 8	1 25	
Oliver P. Jenness, lumber for Locke's neck bridge	1 20	
Selectmen, buying gravel pit	3 00	
J. W. Rand, labor on Dis. No. 1	75	
S. W. Foss, services on Dis. Nos. 12 and 13	4 00	
John H. Foss, land damage in widening road in 1875	3 12	
Thomas Green, land damage in widening road in 1875	3 12	
		$1042 56

TOWN POOR.

Jane H. Locke, assistance in supporting Aaron R. Locke	33 00
A. C. Locke, services on case of Aaron R. Locke	1 50
William C. Downs	26 00
Dr. Warren Parsons, 2 visits to Mrs. John Varrell	2 00
Chas. D. Garland, 2 bbls. flour for Mrs. John Varrell	12 75
Adams E. Drake, 1 ton coal for Mrs. John Varrell	6 00
Fletcher & Tanton, casket and robe for Mrs. S. J. Smith	25 00
William Trefethen, taking Waldron Child to orphans home	9 20
Joseph Pettigrew, shoes for Waldron children	3 25
A. C. Locke, services at funeral of Mrs. S. J. Smith	2 00
A. C. Locke, to Exeter, relating to Waldron children	3 00

Mrs. Susan C. Dupra, 4 weeks board for Grace Waldron	8 00	
Chas. B. Sleeper, assistance in supporting his daughter Hattie	30 00	
Selectmen, services on David Philbrick case	4 00	
		$165 70

COUNTY POOR.

Horace L. Trefethen, support of brothers	162 50	
County Com., board of Samuel B. Philbrick	35 00	
		$197 50

SCHOOL EXPENSES.

Charles N. Knowles, South District	366 73	
Adams E. Drake, Centre "	366 73	
Charles D. Garland, West "	366 73	
Ervin J. Seavey, East "	366 73	
G. H. Jenness, services as Supt. school Com.	25 00	
		$1491 92

BOUNTIES.

Bounty on woodchucks		$31 70

TOWN HALL RECEIPTS.

For skatimg parties	17 00	
" Lectures	8 00	
" Parties	6 50	
" Dances	5 00	
" Auction	2 00	
" Exhibition	1 00	
From D. Jenness	50	
" C. Jenness	50	
		$40 50

TOWN HALL EXPENDITURES.

For wood	18 00	
E. C. Jenness' bill	6 03	
T. J. Parsons' bill	1 62	
For funnel	4 25	
For sawdust	2 00	
		$31 90

MISCELLANEOUS.

Dr. W. O. Junkins, record of births and deaths,	1 50	
A. A. Hanscom, printing town accounts 1883	22 00	
Mercer Goodrich, stationery	6 15	
Dr. Warren Parsons, record of births and deaths	3 00	
S. W. Foss, burying animals	1 25	
Wallace S. Goss, supervisors' bill	15 00	
Aaron Rand, services as collector for 1884	60 00	
Aaron Rand, collecting balance of tax for 1883	14	
S. W. Foss, stationery, and to Concord to settle state tax	6 62	
John O. Drake, services as town clerk	26 30	
Lewis E. Walker, postage	28	
Albert C. Locke, book case for town clerk, stationery, and to Exeter to settle county bills	9 02	
Alexander H. Hodgdon, services as janitor of Town Hall	50 00	
Auditors' bill	4 00	
Charles J. Brown, services as treasurer	25 00	
Albert C. Locke, recording inventory	3 00	
Selectmen, signing inventory blanks	3 00	
A. H. Hodgdon, six dinners 1884	3 00	
A. H. Hodgdon, police service	10 00	
A. H. Hodgdon, feeding tramps	2 00	
Selectmen's bill for services	135 00	
		$386 26

NOTES AND INTEREST PAID.

Elizabeth H. Webster, note and interest	166 00
Charles N. Knowles, " "	88 42
Elizabeth M. Marden, " "	132 82
Lovey B. Marden, " "	132 82
Mary B. Marden, " "	132 82
Benj. D. Bachelder, " "	120 57
Abbie S. Clarke, on note including interest	169 41
Robert S. Foss, " " "	37 00
Joseph W. Rand, " " "	31 96
Adeline J. Clarke, " " "	82 39

Frederick Seavey, on note including interest	41 41	
Moses Clarke, " " "	124 00	
John S. Marden, " " "	440 00	
Hannah Jenness, " " "	440 00	
David Jenness, " " "	336 00	
Emery C. Jenness, interest on note,	12 00	
George H. Seavey,	12 00	
		$2499 62

ABATEMENTS.

Lewis L. Perkins, poll tax	93	
Levi Downs, poll tax	55	
Jonathan Locke, poll tax	93	
Charles B. Sleeper, poll tax	93	
Mrs. John Varrell, tax	3 48	
Heirs of Benj. F. Waldron, tax	2 24	
Nathaniel Marden, on cow	26	
Rufus I. Garland, on cow	26	
Lewis E. Foss, on horse	74	
John S. Mowe, tax for 1883	3 04	
		$13 36
Total expenses for the year ending March 1, 1885		$8446 39

ALBERT C. LOCKE,
SYLVANUS W. FOSS,
JOSEPH W. RAND.
} Selectmen of Rye.

We, the subscribers, have examined the foregoing accounts, and find them correctly cast and well vouched.

MOSES CLARKE,
DAVID JENNESS,
} Auditors.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

For the Year Ending March 1, 1885.

RECEIPTS.

Amount in the treasury March 1, 1884,		$1057 44
Town taxes assessed for the year 1884, $5181 28		
Taxes received from Aaron Rand. col. for year 1883		14 33
" " " " " 1884		5153 19
From State.—Savings Bank tax		2521 02
" " Literary fund		115 92
" " Railroad tax		205 37
" " Bounty on woodchucks and crows.		36 00
" County for paupers		162 50
" Selectmen for old bridge plank		20 75
Balance for Town Hall account		8 60
Interest of money on deposit		25 00
Discount on bills paid		5 25
From Joseph Philbrick		35 00
		$9360 37

EXPENDITURES.

Paid	State tax	1544 00
	County tax	1073 77
	Highways and bridges	1042 56
	County paupers	197 50
	Town poor	165 70
	School expenses	1491 92
	Abatements on taxes	13 36

Paid	Bounties on woodchucks	31 70	
	Salary of Town Hall janator	50 00	
	Notes and interest	2499 62	
	Miscellaneous expenses	336 26	
		8446 39	
Balance in the treasury		913 98	
			$9360 37

DEMANDS AGAINST THE TOWN MARCH 2, 1885.

Date.	Notes on demand at 4 per cent.	Amount.
March 2, 1885.	Moses Clark	500 00
" 2, "	Abbie S. Clark	500 00
" 2, "	Robert S. Foss	500 00
" 2, "	Joseph W. Rand	300 00
" 2, "	Adeline J. Clark	400 00
" 2, "	Emery C. Jenness	300 00
" 2, "	George H. Seavey	300 00
" 2, "	Frederick Seavey	500 00
" 2, "	John S. Marden	600 00
" 2, "	Hannah Jenness	600 00
" 2, "	David Jenness	600 00
		$5100 00

DUE THE TOWN.

From Aaron Rand, collector, taxes for 1884	28 09	
Cash on hand	913 98	
		942 07
Balance against the town, 1885		4157 93
Balance against the town, 1884		6237 91
Reduction of debt		$2079 98

CHARLES J. BROWN, Treasurer.

Rye, N. H., March 2, 1885.

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MOSES CLARKE,
DAVID JENNESS. } Auditors.

Rye, N. H., March 2, 1885.

REPORT

OF THE

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OF THE

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For the Year Ending March 1st,

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REPORT.

Fellow Citizens:—The customary formality of writing a report is made a comparatively easy task, this year, in consequence of the satisfactory progress and present condition of our schools. Acting upon their own good judgment, and in accordance with suggestions made in previous reports, the Prudential Committees tried the experiment of hiring teachers *by the year*, with a single exception. The result has been a sure and steady improvement in every district. The advantages of employing a teacher for several consecutive terms, or years, are so many, and so well known, it is not deemed necessary to enumerate them here. When the services of a thoroughly competent teacher have been secured, they should be retained from term to term, and the question of wages, whether a few dollars more or less per month, is of small consequence. Mere book learning can be acquired by almost any one of average intelligence; but the divine art of *teaching* is given to few. The difference between a butcher and a surgeon, or a blacksmith and a watchmaker, is not greater than the difference between certain grades of teachers; yet many very good people who would never be guilty of the folly of sendidg their watch to the blacksmith, or of calling in the butcher to perform a delicate operation in surgery, fail to perceive any difference between a teacher who instructs, and one who merely asks the questions found in the text book.

Under the new apportionment our town is required by law to raise, for the support of schools, a sum of money considerably in excess of the amount hitherto appropriated. Being equally divided, each district will have ample means to employ teachers

of known ability, and at the same time money enough to maintain a school as many weeks in the year as is profitable. During the past year I have introduced in each school a small, concise, and instructive text-book upon Physiology entitled "Brand's Lesson on the Human Body," which contains, in addition to other valuable information, a few chapters upon the physiological effects of alcoholic stimulants and narcotics. The advantages gained from the introduction of this little work has more than exceeded my expectations. The classes in phyisology have more than doubled in numbers, a lively interest has been manifested in the subject, and a practical knowledge gained concerning "the house we live in," as the human body has been aptly termed, which is not limited to immediate results.

I have also introduced a small book upon "Good Manners," which is occasionally used both as a reading and class book. It treats upon the many little common-place civilities of every day life, and cannot fail to exercise a wholesome influence.

A pleasant and profitable incident of the school year was the official visit, made Dec. 31, by Hon. James W. Patterson, State Supt. of Public Instruction. Each of the schools was visited during the day, and various classes called to illustrate the usual daily work. In the evening a short stage entertainment was given, at the Town hall, by pupils selected from the several schools, which was in turn, followed by a most eloquent and instructive address by Supt. Patterson.

The South District school was taught, during the year, by Miss Elzada M. Goss of Rye, a teacher of excellent abilities and large experience. The school is much too large for any teacher to do herself justice, but the pupils made good improvement and seemed to be under good discipline. Owing to the peculiar acoustic properties of the schoolroom it always seems noisy when, in fact, it is not more so than in any ordinary schoolroom containing an equal number of pupils. If possible, I hope some plan will be devised to lessen the echoes that appear to be reduplicated in volume from whatever part of the room they proceed.

In the West district the Spring and Fall terms were taught by Miss Abby P. Brown, of Rye. This school is the smallest in town, and therefore always makes a quick return for the labors of a competent teacher. Miss Brown gained the respect

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of her pupils, instructed them thoroughly, and at the final examinations the school presented a highly creditable appearance.

The Winter term was taught by Mr. M. A. Cummings of Claremont, N. H., who maintained a firm but kindly discipline and also exhibited a thorough and practical method of teaching.

In the Centre District the school was taught during the year by Miss Ada Phillips of Rye. Miss Phillips is a well known teacher of more than ordinary ability, and a firm disciplinarian. I found her school at all times under absolute control, and, as a natural consequence, making excellent improvement. Many of the recitations deserved the highest praise and were alike creditable to the teacher's method and the pupils' diligence.

In the East District the school was taught, during the year, by Miss M. Emma Merrill of Plymouth, N. H., a teacher of established reputation and exceptionally fine qualifications. Possessing the happy faculty of imparting instruction in a most entertaining manner, her pupils soon became unusually interested in their studies, and have made steady and rapid progress during the year. I have never known the school in better condition than at the present time.

The statistical table in this report is compiled to Feb. 25th. As none of the schools were closed at that date, it is necessarily incomplete. While the average attendance would be but slightly changed, the number of visits by "parents, citizens, and other persons" would be very largely increased if the item could include the number present at the closing exercises. To the credit of our citizens, be it said, the close of school always attracts a large number of interested visitors.

Again my personal thanks are due to the teachers who have so successfully performed their allotted tasks, and cheerfully seconded my efforts.

G. H. JENNESS,

Superintending Committee.

STATISTICS, SCHOOL OFFICERS, &c.

Superintending Committee.

G. H. JENNESS.

Prudential Committee.

South District.—		CHARLES N. KNOWLES,
West	"	CHARLES D. GARLAND,
Centre	"	ADAMS E. DRAKE,
East	"	IRVING J. SEAVEY.

Amount of money, including Literary Fund, appropriated by the Town for school purposes, $1466.92.

Teachers employed during the year.

South District.	MISS ELZADA M. GOSS.
West District.	MISS ABBIE PARSONS BROWN, MR. M. A. CUMMINGS.
Centre District.	MISS ADA PHILLIPS.
East District.	MISS M. EMMA MERRILL.

NAMES OF PUPILS NOT ABSENT DURING THE TERM.

SOUTH DISTRICT

Spring Term.

Nellie M. White,
Horton D. Marden,
*Fannie E. Jones,
Olive A. Locke,
Willie M. White,
*Hattie Dow,
Agnes M. Brown,
Walter W. Goss,
*Emilie Swinson,
*Ervin C. Philbrick.
*Annie L. Knowles,
Lizzie A. Knowles,
Adams L. Lougee,
*Edith M. Jenness,
Ada M. Perkins,
Rolla T. White,
*Nellie M. Dow,
Isabel J. White,
*Russell H. Sawyer,

Fall Term.

Fannie E. Jones,
Arthur Locke,
Edward Sawyer,
*Ada M. Perkins,
Emily M. Philbrick,
Walter W. Goss,
Agnes M. Brown,
Olive A. Locke,
Annie L. Knowles,
Edgar Jenness,
Corabelle F. Caswell,
Mabel J. Locke.

Winter Term.

Frank Benning Jenness,
Edward Sawyer,
Ezra Philbrick.
Agnes M. Brown,
Adams L. Lougee,

*Absent half day.

WEST DISTRICT.

Spring Term.

Willie E. Chesley,
Percy Drake,
Data A. Garland,
Lizzie I. Philbrick.
Annie L. Sleeper,
Sophia J. Smart,
Nellie L. Jenness,
Nora M. Shapley.

Fall Term.

Percy Drake,
Clara E. Brown,
Annie L. Sleeper,
*Marshall G. Frost.

Winter Term.—None.

CENTRE DISTRICT.

Spring Term.

Myra L. Boynton,
Ernest O. Foss,
Edith C. Foss.
Ella M. Caswell,
George E. Locke,
Jeddie Rand,
Forrest C. Varrell.

Annie G. Delaney,
Ethel M. Bickford,
Alvah A. Locke,
Nettie J. Marden,
Carrie A. Drake,
Grace E. Drake,

Fall Term.

Ella M. Caswell,
Chester D. Drake,
Myron S. Foss,
George E. Locke,
Forrest C. Varrell.

Nellie T. Rand,
Grace E. Drake,
Mary L. Marden,
Nettie J. Marden,
Maud G. Walker.

Winter Term.

Grace E. Drake,
Maud G. Walker,

Chester D. Drake,
Jeddie Rand.

EAST DISTRICT.

Spring Term.

Helen M. Rand,
Edith M. Trefethen,
Jennie E. Trefethen,
Eddie E. Seavey,
Mamie A. Odiorne.

Everett E. Seavey,
Willard H. Trefethen,
Bertha A. Abbott,
Nellie A. Goss,

Fall Term.

Bertha A. Abbott,
Mamie A. Ordiorne,

Lottie S. Odiorne,
Edith M. Trefethen.

Winter Term.

Frank F. Boyce,
*Charlie W. Clark,

Harry O. Rand,
Eddie E. Seavey,

SUMMARY OF STATISTICS.

	SPRING TERM.				FALL TERM.				WINTER TERM.			
	S. D.	W. D	C. D.	E. D.	S. D.	W. D	C. D.	E. D.	S. D.	W. D	C. D.	E. D.
Length of school in weeks,	10	8	10	10	11	10	10	10	15	13	14	14
Whole number of different pupils,	51	31	38	29	50	27	34	26	49	34	40	40
Average attendance,	48	27	34	26	47	24	31	25	43	30	35	34
No. of pupils not absent during the term,	19	8	14	8	12	3	10	1	5	0	4	2
No. of visits by Superintending Committee,	2	2	3	3	...	1	1	2	2	3	4	4
No. of visits by Prudential Committee,	...	0	1	0	1	1	1	1	...	0	...	...
No. of visits by parents, citizens and other persons,	13	70	37	21	15	56	67	37	8	18	10	16
Wages of male teachers per month including board,	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	50	...	...
Wages of female teachers per month including board,	32	32	35	34	32	34	35	34	32	...	45	44
Number of pupils in reading and spelling,	51	31	38	29	50	27	34	26	49	34	40	40
" " Penmanship,	42	30	36	29	40	26	34	26	39	33	38	40
" " Arithmetic,	46	30	34	23	46	27	32	22	49	33	40	38
" " Geography,	32	20	26	10	34	17	23	10	41	24	32	31
" " Grammar,	20	12	22	...	20	17	18	0	23	17	23	40
" " History,	5	...	1	3	2	...	...	2	2	2	...	5
" " Composition,	25	18	24	25	24	17	20	26	25	30	26	40
" " Physiology,	10	12	13	6	10	10	9	5	13	9	15	19
" " Book-keeping,	4	2	...	...	5	2	...	0	6	3	1	0
" " Algebra,	4	...	3	3	4	...	2	2	4	...	2	4
" " Geometry,	1	...	...	...	1	...	...	0	1	...	...	...
" " Phylosophy,	2	...	...	...	2	...	...	0	2	...	8	3
" " Astronomy,	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
" " Botany,	...	...	...	...	...	8	...	...	...	...	...	...

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